Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1-26 are in this application. Claim 1 16, 20 is in independent form. No new matter is added by way of this amendment.

Response to Restriction Election

The Examiner has required an election of species on the grounds that the application contains claims directed to multiple patentably distinct species. Applicants elect the invention of FIGS. 1-3, 8 and 11-13. Claims 1-26 read on the embodiment shown in FIGS. 1-3, 8 and 11-13.

Conclusion

It is believed that all of the pending issues have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific objection, issue, or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of the rejection, issue, or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this reply should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this reply, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

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If the Commissioner determines that any additional fees or extensions are required,

Applicants request that such extensions be granted and any fees be charged to Deposit Account
50-1635.

Applicant submits that all claims in the application are now in condition for allowance, and Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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